

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-3, 5-13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mansfield (US 6,704,346). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 4, which has been indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, claim 1 and those depend therefrom are patentably distinguishable from the cited reference.

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner allow this application to pass to the issue branch. Please charge any additional fees, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0668. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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